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CONJUGATED DIENE AND METHOD OF PREVENTING CLOGGING OF  
APPARATUS FOR SEPARATING AND PURIFYING THE MIXTURE

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Sir:

An Information Disclosure Statement was filed on February 11, 2002. A copy of this Information Disclosure Statement along with the stamped postcard is attached.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner return a copy of the Form PTO-1449 which accompanies the Information Disclosure Statement, marked to indicate that the reference listed therein has been considered by the Office. All of the references except for EP0061059A1 were cited in the International Search Report dated July 4, 2000. A copy of this reference is also attached for convenience of the examiner. The other references are cited in the PAIR system.

The Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned should he have any questions concerning this Request.

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The attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. One copy of each of these documents is attached.

No fee or certification is required in connection with this Information Disclosure Statement, since it is being submitted prior to the issuance of a first official action on the merits or expiration of the three month period following the filing date or the entry of the national stage of the above-captioned application.

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The Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340 for any fee which is deemed by the Patent and Trademark Office to be required to effect consideration of this statement.

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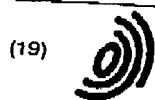
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**(54) POLYMERIZATION-INHIBITING COMPOSITION, POLYMERIZATION INHIBITOR AND METHOD FOR INHIBITING POLYMERIZATION**

(57) The invention relates to a polymerization inhibitor comprising at least one compound (a) selected from the group consisting of a compound having an NO radical in its molecule and a precursor compound capable of forming an NO radical, and a phosphorus-containing compound (b), wherein a weight ratio of the compound (a) to the phosphorus-containing compound (b) is 1:10 to 100:1.

Specifically, the invention provides a method for inhibiting the polymerization of at least one monomer (c) selected from the group consisting of a conjugated diene, an aromatic vinyl, an ethylenically unsaturated nitrile and an  $\alpha$ -olefin, comprising causing the polymerization inhibitor to coexist with the monomer (c), and a polymerization-inhibiting composition comprising the polymerization inhibitor and the monomer (c).

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